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TO: MassHealth Eligibility Operations Staff

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RE: HIV Family Assistance and CommonHealth Change

Introduction

In January 2005, MassHealth received approval from the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to increase the income eligibility guidelines for Family Assistance programs for members with HIV. This approval allows MassHealth to increase the income guideline from 133 percent to 200 percent of the federal poverty level (FPL) and grant eligibility to applicants who have filed an application and would have been income eligible on or after July 1, 2004.

Family Assistance Eligibility Process

All individuals in an active or non-active status who have a verified HIV status and have income less than or equal to 200 percent of the FPL will be redetermined by MA21 using the new FPL levels. Individuals who lost eligibility as a result of failure to provide verifications (action reason 40), failure to complete or return a questionnaire (action reason 41), or failure to pay premiums (action reason 86) will not be automatically redetermined.

CommonHealth Deductible

Individuals who are disabled and have income under 200 percent of the FPL and have verified their HIV-positive status will not be required to meet a CommonHealth deductible.

Questions

Questions about this memo should be directed to the MassHealth Policy Hotline through your office designee.
